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MONROVIA PANAMA SINGAPORE TOKYO CANBERRA MEXICO BRASILIA
BUENOS AIRES CARACAS NASSAU HAMILTON NICOSIA MOGADISCIO BEIRUT
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SUBJ : MODIFICATION OF USG'S CUBA POLICY AFFECTING THIRD
COUNTRIES: SHIPPING

1. SUMMARY: SEPTTEL PROVIDES STATEMENT OF AUGUST 21, 1975
BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCING CHANGES TO USG'S CUBA
POLICY WHICH AFFECT THIRD COUNTRIES. THIS CABLE SUMMARIZES
THE CHANGES IN THOSE POLICIES WHICH AFFECT THIRD COUNTRY
SHIPPING. END SUMMARY.

2. IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE IN USG
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POLICY REGARDING DIRECT US-CUBA COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

RELATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, US-FLAG VESSELS AND FOREIGN-FLAG VESSELS OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY US NATIONALS CONTINUE TO BE PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING CARGOES TO AND FROM CUBAN PORTS.

3. BUNKERING AT US PORTS UNDER GENERAL LICENSE OF SHIPS WHICH HAVE CALLED AT CUBAN PORTS WILL RPT WILL BE PERMITTED AS SOON AS PERTINENT REGULATIONS ARE ALTERED.

4. WAIVER PROVISIONS RELATING TO 620(A)(3) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED HAVE BEEN EXERCISED TO PERMIT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ACT TO COUNTRIES ALBEIT THEIR VESSELS ENGAGE IN THE CUBAN TRADE.

5. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL SEEK LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONS OF THE AGRICULTURAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954, AS AMENDED, WHICH PROHIBITS TITLE I (PL 480) SALES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES TO ANY COUNTRY WHICH PERMITS ITS SHIPS TO CARRY CARGOES TO CUBA.

6. ALTHOUGH THE PROHIBITION ON THE CARRIAGE OF USG (STATE, DEFENSE, AGRICULTURE, GSA, AND AID) FINANCED CARGO ABOARD VESSELS WHICH HAVE ENGAGED IN THE CUBAN TRADE, HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED IN STATEMENT OF AUGUST 21, 1975, APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES ARE STUDYING THE MATTER. MAW UNQUOTE

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